

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Erich HARSCH *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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Serial No. 09/ ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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Filed: January 30, 2001 )  
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For: HORIZONTAL TRANSPORTING )  
SYSTEM )

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AMENDMENT  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Cancel sheet 4/7 (which contains an improper Fig 4. The proper Fig 4 is on sheet 6/7).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-9, 11 and 12.

Claim 3, line 1, change "and", to --or --.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to [one of the preceding claims] claims 1 or 2, characterized in that a longitudinal movement and/or a lifting and/or lowering movement of the bearing slide (36, 53) for the crossmember (25) takes place by means of two parallel racks (19, 21, 42, 44) which can be driven, via gearwheels (18, 20, 41, 43), by stationary drives, in particular drive motors (16, 17, 39, 40).